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Dear Harold,

Yes; the Nizer thing is mine. Let me clarify the Boston matter: I was contacted by a man who was arranging a program for a church group of some kind, who wanted me to take part in a discussion of the WR. Since it was a Wednesday night, I felt that I could not risk exhausting myself to the point where I could not get to work the next morning. In fact, I could not be sure that we would not have a night meeting of the General Assembly on that evening. So I had to decline. When I was asked to suggest other people whom they might approach, I suggested first and foremost Harold Weisberg, and Vince Salandria.

After writing you last and mentioning Boston, I learned that Vince had been invited and had accepted.(X) I hope that you will realize that I am in no way involved in any "consistent and successful effort to deny you publicity, even reference." I cannot of course speak for any other of the critics; but I can tell you that I have never heard any hint or rumor of such a thing.

I wanted to clarify this without delay; and while I don't find it inconceivable that there is a concerted effort to preclude you, it just doesn't seem likely to me, at least, so far as anyone I know. I've never seen any indication that you were being singled out for any boycott and it may be that many of the incidents that affront you are merely the result of thoughtlessness and self-centeredness--after all, it is a full-time job doing one's own work (especially when it comes on top of a full-time job 9 to 5) and I just don't see where anyone has the time, energy, or desire to plot against a colleague. But perhaps I am naive...

I hope you have a successful trip to California. If you do get to New York, please try to give me some advance notice, and I will try to be free. I have very few free hours these days, but I am sure that is the same for all of us. With my best,

Sylvia

(X) and learned also that it was to be on radio and TV.